

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this reissue application. Original claims 1 and 3-11 have been maintained, original claim 2 has been amended and claims 12-29 have been added. Among the added claims, claims 12, 14, 16 and 23 have been amended by this Preliminary Amendment.

The title has been changed to clarify the invention.

All the changes made are fully supported by the disclosure of the patent, e.g., see Figs. 2 and 3.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

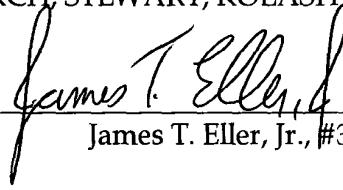
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Reg. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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